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1. EMBASSY CONCURS WITH REF A. RECOMMENDATION THAT LOGISTICS MANAGER, AT LEAST, PLAN TO ARRIVE MAY 1 TO BEGIN PREPARATIONS FOR SUBJECT SHOW. REF. D PROVIDES BUT ONE EXAMPLE OF TYPES OF PROBLEMS THAT CAN ARISE IN STAGING SHOW IN JAKARTA. WE CAN ANTICIPATE THAT LOGISTIC OF SHOWS WILL BE STRAORDINARILY TIME CONSUMING. IN ADDITION TO POOR TELEPHONE SYSTEM, WHICH FORCES TIME CONSUMING PERSONAL CALLS, PEOPLE ARE OFTEN NOT IN OFFICES, REQUIRING REPEAT VISITS, DECISIONS FROM CUSTOMS ARE PAINFULLY SLOW, AND CLEARING EVEN DUTY-FREE GOODS, ESPECIALLY FROM THE PORT, OFTEN TAKES WEEKS. LOGISTICS OFFICER CAN EXPECT TO MAKE REPEATED TRIPS TO AIRPORT AND TANJUNG PRIOK, THE LATTER APPROX. 45 MINUTES FROM DOWNTOWN. FURTHERMORE, AGREEMENTS, EVEN SIGNED CONTRACTS, OFTEN COME UNSTUCK AND REQUIRE CONSTANT SUPERVISION AND FOLLOW-UP.

2. EMBASSY ALSO HIGHLY CONCERNED ABOUT PROBLEMS

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RELATING TO SHUTTING DOWN SHOW. AS REF D INDICATES,

PROBLEMS ARE NOT OVER WHEN THE EXHIBITIONS FOLD
UP THEIR TENTS AND DEPART. WE KNOW THAT SHOW MANAGER
FOR USAQUIP '74 DEPARTED SHORTLY AFTER CLOSING OF
SHOW WITHOUT SORTING OUT ALL PROBLEMS RELATING TO
FAIR SHUTDOWN. FURTHER, SINCE 1974, CUSTOMS HAS
TIGHTENED PROCEDURES REGARDING REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT
AFTER SHOW (REF.C). THEREFORE STRONGLY REQUEST
THAT LOGISTIC OFFICER STAY UNTIL AUG. 31 TO ATTEND
ADEQUATELY TO ALL MATTERS RELATED TO BREAKDOWN OF
SHOW.
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